

United States District Court  
Eastern District of Michigan

United States of America

v.

Henry Richardson /

Defendant

**ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL**

Case Number: 06-30543

In accordance with the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. §3142(f), a detention hearing has been held. I conclude that the following facts require the detention of the defendant pending trial in this case.

**Part I – Findings of Fact****T** (1) I find that:**T** there is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed an offense**T** for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in 21 U.S.C. § 841 or 846;**T** under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).

**T** (2) I further find that the defendant has not rebutted the presumption established by finding that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of the community.

**Alternative Findings**

**T** I find that the government has established by a preponderance of the evidence that there is a serious risk that the defendant will not appear.

**T** I find that the government has established by clear and convincing evidence that there is a serious risk that the defendant will endanger the safety of another person or the community.

**Part II – Written Statement of Reasons for Detention**

**T** I find that the credible testimony and information submitted at the hearing established the following factors under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(g):

**T** (a) nature of the offense - Large scale cocaine distribution conspiracy and firearms possession.**T** (b) weight of the evidence - Very strong evidence.**T** (c) history and characteristics of the defendant - Long criminal history and multiple imprisonments.**T** 1) physical and mental condition - Admitted drug use, repeated criminal violations.**T** 2) employment, financial, family ties - Family ties and employment, but wildly improbable financial declarations (\$1700 income/\$4800 bills).**T** 3) criminal history and record of appearance -Seven serious felonies - poor probation record.**T** (d) probation, parole or bond at time of the alleged offense -**T** (e) danger to another person or community - Large quantities of cocaine and firearms seized.

This defendant has a long history of serious felony offenses and multiple contacts with the penal system. The charged offense is large scale cocaine distribution supported by weapons. While he enjoys family and community support, this man's history suggests that he is a flight risk by reason of the mandatory LIFE SENTENCE he faces upon conviction. The prospect of conviction is very strong. Defendant has employed false identification documents and has an outstanding warrant in an alias name. Pretrial Services recommends detention, and I fully agree.

**Part III – Directions Regarding Detention**

The defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the defendant to the United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

s/Donald A. Scheer

Date: December 20, 2006

*Signature of Judge*Donald A. Scheer, United States Magistrate Judge*Name and Title of Judge*